

presented to observation a striking instance of the instability of human greatness. I found Blueher residing like a sovereign in the Palatu; of St. Cloud, where I had lived so long in the intimacy of Napoleon, at a period when he dictated laws to the kings of Kurope before he was a monarch himself. In that cabinet in which Napoleon and I had passed so many busy hours, and where so many great plans had their birth, I was received by the man who had been my prisoner at Hamburg. The Prussian General immediately reminded me of the circumstance. "Who could have foreseen," said he, "that lifter being your prisoner I should beecome the protector of your property ? You treated me well at Hamburg, and I have now an opportunity of repaying your kindness. Heaven knows what will be the result of all this ! One thing, however, is certain, and that is, that tin\* Allies will now make such conditions as will banish all possibility of danger for a long time to come. The Emperor Alexander does not wish to make the French people expiate too dearly the misfortunes they have caused us. He attributes them to Napoleon, hut Napoleon cannot pay the expenses of the war, and they must be paid by some one. It was all very well for once, but we cannot pay the expenses of coming back a second time. However," added he, "you will lose none\* of your territory ; that is a point on which I can give you positive assurance. The Emperor Alexander has several times repeated in my presence to the King my master, \* I honor the French nation, and 1 am determined that it shall preserve itn old limits,"

The above are the very words which Blueher mldressed to me. Profiting by the friendly sentiments he expressed towards me I took the opportunity of mentioning the complaints that were everywhere made of the bad discipline of the troops under his command. '< What can I do? " said ha " I cannot be present everywhere; but I assure you that in future and at your recommendation 1 will severely punish any misconduct that may come to my knowledge."

Such was the result of my visit to Blucher; but, in spite of his promiseHj his troops continued to commit the most revolting excesses. Thus the Prussian troops have left in the